

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Cooling-Conrey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bohemia Avenue, east side, 7th building south of Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

— YES RESTRICTED

— YES UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— COMMERCIAL

— EDUCATIONAL

— ENTERTAINMENT

— GOVERNMENT

— INDUSTRIAL

— MILITARY

— MUSEUM

— PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— RELIGIOUS

— SCIENTIFIC

— TRANSPORTATION

— OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walter & Hilda Cooling

Telephone #: (301) 885-5887

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Cecil County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS No. 144

Folio #: 143

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Cecil County Survey

DATE

January, 1968

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cooling-Conrey house is a three and one-half story brick Mansard roof building, three bays wide and two bays deep with an original two story frame wing to the east having a one story porch on its south side. A subsequent addition was built the width of the wing and porch combined.

The west facade is laid in smooth stretcher bond brick with narrow mortar joints. The entrance is on the south side of the facade and has double doors with three pane transom. The doors now open outward since it has been converted into apartments. A three bay porch with concrete floor extends across the facade, but it appears to be a replacement. Windows on the first story have paneled shutters, but the others have been removed. On the second and third storys are cast iron shutter dogs. Above each opening is a wood lintel painted white. The sash have 4/4 panes.

On the south side of the building the wall is divided into two recessed panels by pilaster strips. Each has a window on all storys. In the center of the north side rises a brick chimney.

The Mansard roof has two dormers on the west side and one on the south, all with segmental roofs. Slate covers the lower slope of the roof and it has seven rows of imbricated shingle in the center of the slope. The wide overhanging eave contains the gutter.

As with most of the buildings in Chesapeake City, the windows and porch are the principal elements of design. Maintaining or restoring the sash and shutters or porch would be important to the buildings historic design.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In form, the Cooling-Conrey House is like many of the mid-19th century dwellings of Chesapeake City. However, its brick construction is as unique to that form as the Bayard House is to the 1830's. It is also the only dwelling in town with a mansard roof, a detail which was not popular until the 1860's. It is of interest to note that this building and Franklin Hall were constructed for the same person, the latter for his business. Even though it has been converted to several apartments, the building still retains that dignity which separates it from its neighbors.

Thomas Conrey built this handsome home for his family around 1870. Thomas Conrey had two sons and two daughters. One son, Thomas, became a doctor and practiced medicine in Chesapeake City. His son, Frank, followed his father into the family business, a large coal yard and wharf at the south side of Back Creek. Bennett Steele, son of another prosperous local businessman, married one of the Conrey girls, Ella. The other girl, Anna, married a Mr. Malster, who served as Mayor of Baltimore City at one time.

Around 1870, Thomas Conrey, acquired the Franklin Hall property. He carried on a hardware business at this location until 1906 when Ralph Rees rented the store space.

The Conrey name is an important one in the development of Chesapeake City. They contributed to the development of the early business community.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne & Katherine Wein

April, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

South Chesapeake City Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o Town Council of Chesapeake City

(301) 885-5298

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Chesapeake City

Maryland 21915

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

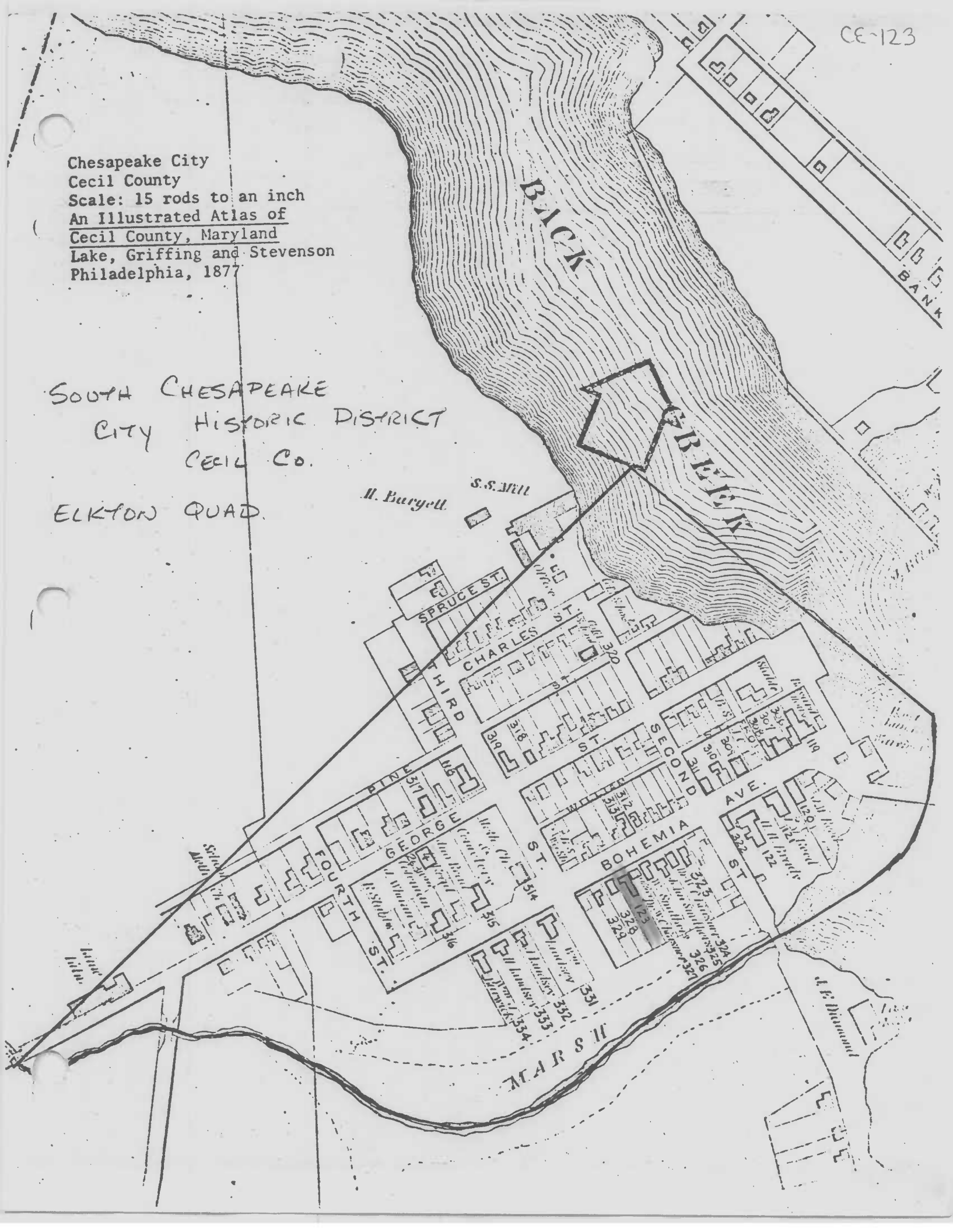
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Chesapeake City
 Cecil County
 Scale: 15 rods to an inch
 An Illustrated Atlas of
 Cecil County, Maryland
 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson
 Philadelphia, 1877

SOUTH CHESAPEAKE
 CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT
 CECIL CO.

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Cooling - Conrey House

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Wst facade

M. Bourne April 1976